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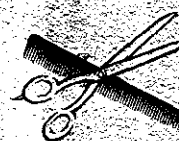
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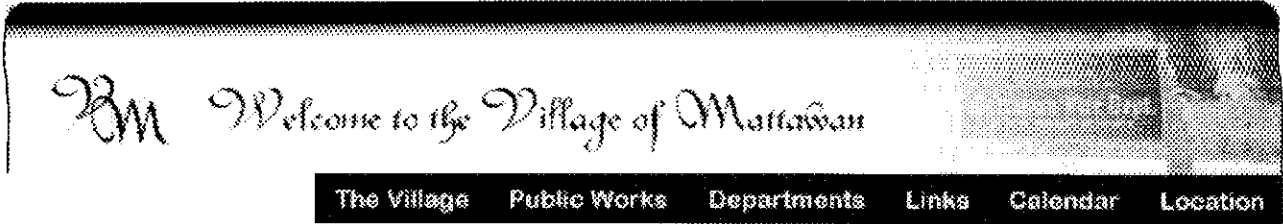
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**Mattawan, Michigan
Police and Fire Services**



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Departments

The Village of Mattawan Police Department is located in Village Hall. The Department address is:
24221 Front Avenue.

The non-emergency telephone no.
is (616) 668-3661

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Chief of Police
Donald L. VerHage

- 5 full time officers
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**Address:**

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Mattawan, MI 49071

Emergency Dispatch Phone: 911**Business Phone:** 616-668-3122**Fax:****Department Web Site:****Related Web Site:****Email:****About Mattawan Fire Department:**

Mattawan Fire Department proudly protects 10000 people living in an area of 25 square miles. We operate out of One station that protect a primarily rural area. Our department is a proud one whose members are on a volunteer status.

Our department is 30 members strong and are all volunteer. We serve parts of Anthe Townships as well as the Villiage of Mattawan. The Mattawan Fire District was founded in 1900.

Department Type: All Volunteer**Services Provided:**

- Firefighting
- Vehicle Rescue (Extrication)
- Search & Rescue
- Support

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**Mattawan, Michigan
Water and Sewer Information**



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Public Works

Public Works: Sewer System

Mattawan's sewer system is composed of local collector lines, transmission lines and lift stations, and a main pump station with forcemain to Kalamazoo.



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Public Works

Public Works: Water System

"The Water Distribution system in Mattawan was declared operational in December of 1977. The water system is fed by three wells located at the pumping station. The wells have capacities from 350 to 850 GPM. Line sizes range from 6" to 16" in diameter while service leads are either 3/4" or 1" in diameter.

These wells have two elevated tanks of 300,000 and 250,000 gallons which provides a pressure within the system of approximately 60-90 pounds per square inch."

WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR The Village of Mattawan-2003

This report covers the drinking water quality for The Village of Mattawan for the calendar year 2003. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. **The Village of Mattawan's** water comes from 3 groundwater wells, and the well water supply is not treated. This year the Village of Mattawan is working with the Michigan Rural Water Association to better our Well Head Protection Program. This program helps to protect our ground water source. We have added a permanent mount generator to our main well house to better serve our community during a power outage. We have been moving forward with a plan for system improvements. In the distribution system we have replaced several fire hydrants and a 400-foot section of 12-inch water main. We have also purchased a new Cross Connection Software program that has not only simplified the tracking of this state mandated program but has allowed us get a 100% back flow preventer testing this year. The Village of Mattawan has also done a arsenic pilot study to ensure that we meet the new regulation that go into effect in 2006. We have received the Michigan Rural Water "Water Utility of the Year" award as well as a "Well Head Protection" award from the State of Michigan. Our Department of Public Works staff has taken several courses this year to learn about any safe drinking water rule changes, or programs that may benefit our community.

Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the **EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)**.

Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Sources of Drinking Water: The sources of Drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) includes rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.

Radioactive contaminants, which are naturally occurring.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also

come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which provides the same protection for public health.

WATER QUALITY DATA

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that were detected. EPA requires that water supplier to report the most recent sampling results within a five-year period from January 1999 to December 2003. The detected concentration can be either below or above the state/federal safe drinking water standard (also known as the Maximum Contamination Level). If the detected concentration is above the safe drinking water standard a violation has occurred and a **"YES"** in bold will be indicated in the violation column. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

N/A: Not applicable; ND: Not detectable at testing limit; ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter; ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter; Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

Inorganic Contaminants	MCL	MCL G	Our Water	Range of Detection's	Sample Date (if not in 2002)	Violation	Typical source of Contaminant
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.3	0.3-0.3	8-13-03	No	Erosion of Natural Deposits

Arsenic (ppb)	10*	0*	8.0	ND-8	7-13-00	No	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.327	ND-0.327	7-13-03	No	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Lead / Copper	AL	90 th Percentile		No. of sites exceeding AL			
Lead (ppb)	15	0	1	0	8-18-03	No	Corrosion of household plumbing
Special Monitoring	MCL	MCLG	Our Water	Range of Detection's	Sample Date	Violation	Typical source of Contaminant
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	18.5	17-23	8-11-03	No	Erosion of Natural Deposits

*These arsenic values are effective January 23, 2006. Until then, the MCL is 50ppb and there is no MCLG.

"While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revised the federal regulations affecting the monitoring of unregulated contaminants at public water systems. This new regulation is known as the Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Rule (UCMR). The purpose of monitoring for unregulated contaminants in drinking water is to provide data to support the EPA administrator's decisions concerning whether or not to regulate these contaminants in the future for the protection of public health. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality conducted the unregulated contaminant sampling in June and December 2001 and analysis was performed for 12 unregulated chemical contaminants. The sampling results for June and December were below the minimum reporting level required by the EPA. If you are interested in receiving a copy of these results please contact the village of Mattawan.

The Department of Environmental Quality also completed a Source Water Assessment Program to assess the susceptibility of the Village of Mattawan's public water supply source to contamination. The MDEQ has determined that the village's source water is moderately susceptible. Please contact the Village of Mattawan if you wish to have a copy of the results.

Is our water system meeting other rules that govern our operations? The state and EPA requires us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2003, but we had a reporting violation in July 2003.

We are committed to providing you safe, reliable and healthy water. We are pleased to provide you with this information to keep you fully informed about your water. We will be updating this report annually, and will also keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen.

For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact DPW Superintendent **Tom Anthony** at 269-668-2300. We invite public participation on decisions regarding the water at our council meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.



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**Mattawan Consolidated School District
Information and Newsletter**

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District Annual Report

September, 2004

This document provides an update regarding Mattawan Consolidated School...an inviting place.

Our school community continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to providing quality educational experiences for our students. We are truly dedicated to fulfilling the intention expressed in our district mission statement.

If more information than is provided in this report is desired, we invite you to be in contact or log onto our website at www.mattawan.k12.mi.us.

With Mattawan Pride,

James A. Weeldreyer
Superintendent

MISSION STATEMENT

Mattawan Consolidated School will be a collaborative and innovative learning community where every individual is valued, challenged and connected.



LOCATION.

Mattawan Consolidated School District is located just west of Kalamazoo and Portage, Michigan. School facilities are located in the Village of Mattawan. Approximately ninety percent of our students are bused from the more rural residential areas of the district located in both Van Buren and Kalamazoo counties.

The advantages of a relatively rural setting are combined with those of large city shopping and cultural activities within just a few miles of homes in our school district. Our eastern border is contiguous with the cities of Kalamazoo and Portage.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT.

Mattawan Consolidated School District has a student population of approximately 3,500 students. It is a small Class A district by enrollment classification of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. The district continues to grow on a steady basis. Enrollment increased from 2,309 students in the 1987-88 school year to approximately 3,500 students in the 2003-2004 school year.

CONFIGURATION



Newsletter to Residents

Volume XXVIII, Issue 4 February/March 2004-2005

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Board Members Attend State Conference

By Board President Sue Paul

On January 13 the State of Michigan held its annual Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference in Lansing. Mr. Weeldreyer, Mr. Disch, Mr. Hinkel and three board members attended to learn more about the economic projections for 2005-2006.

There were three presentations. The first by Saul Hymans and Joan Crary of the University of Michigan, addressed the outlook for the U.S. and the State of Michigan. Second, Nigel Gault of Global Insight gave an overview of the U.S. economic future. And third, a representative from Daimler-Chrysler presented the projected status of the auto industry.

It is somewhat reassuring to note that the forecast of all three experts is quite consistent. All expect to see some economic recovery in 2005 and even more so in 2006. That was the good news for the day. However, the state economy is only one portion contributing to the district budget challenges. Until change can be realized in meeting costs for retirement benefits and employee healthcare, our education system will quite likely experience more reductions.

I applaud Mr. Weeldreyer and Mr. Disch in their persistent email and phone contacts with our local representatives. They keep the politicians informed as to the measures Mattawan is taking to cut operating costs while at the same time advocating for the academic and emotional needs of our students. The overall plea is for the development of a school funding mechanism that can be a more reliable source than what we have experienced during the last several years.

As a school board, we hold the welfare of the Mattawan school community and the excellence of academic rigor in high esteem. Decisions for the future will reflect these values as we work within our budgetary limits.



Superintendent's Perspective

By James Weeldreyer

Revised Newsletter to Residents

This is the first issue of a modified Newsletter to Residents. It initiates a different approach to communicating with district residents.

For nearly 27 years, we have used a format for the Newsletter that included news from the Central Office, followed by a segment from each of the separate buildings. It has traditionally been published five times per year. In recent years, the number of pages in the Newsletter has grown considerably. The individual schools have also begun publishing separate communication documents due to the many activities that have been added. It became clear that we needed to provide information more often than approximately every two months as was the case in the traditional Newsletter. We concluded that we should try a new format.

Beyond timeliness of news, expense was also a consideration in our decision to try something different. Production and postage for each issue of the previous Newsletter to Residents cost just under \$4,000. By going to this new arrangement, we may be able to communicate even more effectively at less cost.

This is how it will work . . .

- Five times each year, hard copies of a reduced size Newsletter to Residents will be sent to families that presently have children in school. It will also be sent to other district residents that request to receive a copy.
- Besides this Superintendent's Perspective, the Newsletter to Residents may also include articles from Bill McNulty, Associate Superintendent for School Improvement; Sue Paul, School Board President; William Disch, Director of Finance, Operations and Human Resources; information regarding food service, transportation, buildings/grounds; special programs; alumni news; and a message from the Mattawan Public Education Foundation.
- There will be a listing of main "happenings" at all buildings in a calendar format for the period covered by the Newsletter. There will not be the usual section for each building. More complete information regarding events can be secured on the school website or by referencing hard copies of information sent home from the individual buildings.

We encourage you to go online to check the Mattawan Consolidated School website, www.mattawan.k12.mi.us, for complete information. Each of the buildings post timely communication for parents at least once a month. They often update some portions of the building news daily or weekly.

If you would be willing to help conserve money by receiving school information via the district website rather than by hard copy mailing, please contact Tess Gooch at 668-3361, extension 1705 or mail her at tess@mattawan.k12.mi.us. If you do so, you will be emailed each time a Newsletter to Residents is published. The Newsletter is published to the website when it is sent to the printer . . . so, you will get your news nearly a week sooner online than if you wait for a hard copy!

How Are We Doing Financially?

For the past three years, the amount of money promised our school by the State has remained the same at \$6,700 per student. During the first two years, however, the State held back some of the per pupil allocation. We got less money than what they said we would receive. This year it appears that the State will provide the \$6,700 per student. We had anticipated another cutback for this year. Since it appears that the full stipend will be realized, we will have approximately \$250,000 more to work with than we have had in previous years when they took money away. It only means, however, that we will

be "in the hole" less than we were expecting to be. But, that's good!

Since the passage of Proposal A in 1994, school funding has for Mattawan generally been more adequate than it had been prior to Proposal A. With the advent of the recession in the late 1990's and early 2000's, however, school funding has taken a real hit. When the times were good during the mid to late 1990's, our school district made a decision to build a fund balance so that we would be able to "slide into" a potential problem rather than to "jump into" a potential problem. We were concerned about a possible down-turn in the economy. During 2003 through 2005, we also began to significantly reduce several areas of our budget in order to try to balance income and expenditures. We had to draw approximately \$592,000 out of our fund balance during the 2003-2004 school year. During this 2004-2005 school year, we estimate that we will have to use approximately \$450,000 out of our fund balance. In looking ahead, the picture is still not good. The State is projecting that we may get a modest increase for 2005-2006. That would be the first increase in four years. The irony is if the increase occurs, we will have to use that increase toward up to \$1,000,000 of projected additional expenses for retirement costs and health insurance costs. That cost is much more than the increase in funding we are told we could expect. We will still have to use a significant amount of money out of fund balance.

A recent communication dated January 14, 2005 from the Michigan Association of School Boards had several very concise statements that appear to be accurate. They are as follows: "... schools should feel cautiously optimistic that no additional cuts will be made in the 2004-2005 school year and that we may actually see an increase in funding next year. ... it is safe to assume some increase in the student foundation, it is just too early to tell how much it will be. The down side of all of this is that the foundation increase is unlikely to be greater than the amount needed to cover increases in retirement rate and the increase costs in employee health care. This will set up districts to need to explain why after the state increased your funding are you still cutting staff and programs. As long as we continue to keep the level of benefits at current levels in the retirement system and for employee health care schools will not see a real increase in dollars for sometime."

As in the past, our school leadership will make every attempt to be good stewards of available resources. However, it must be assumed that increased costs and minimal increases in available resources will impact programs and other needs.

School Election Change

The legislature developed and Governor Granholm signed a piece of legislation last year that changed school elections.

The date for the school board election for 2005 is Tuesday, May 3, 2005. The vote formerly occurred in June. Voters will now to go to the polling place where they typically vote in a national election rather than voting in the school board election here at school. Although the new practice might clarify where residents go to vote, there are other aspects of the voting changes that are problematic for schools.

In any case, we hope that you will vote on May 3rd! Information regarding candidates will be provided on a timely basis prior to the election. Detailed information regarding the election may be obtained on the school district website www.mattawan.k12.mi.us.

In Closing. . .

After a few months, we'd be interested to know how the revised communication structure is meeting your needs. Please let us know.



Board Briefs

Since our last report, the Board of Education approved the refinancing of bonds ... received the 2003-2004 audit report ... hired Kimberly Campbell as a Later Elementary School teacher replacing

Paul Holbrook ... approved the following coaching positions: Phu Trieu and Milt Stainbrook for seventh grade basketball; Ed Staron and Ron Boven for eighth grade basketball; LuAnn Smith and Susan White for seventh grade volleyball; Kristen Scranton and Kim Lagen for eighth grade volleyball; Matt Stephens for head middle school wrestling; Craig Thornton for assistant middle school wrestling; Cathleen McEvoy and Nick Goetzinger as co-head middle school track; Teri Loher and Alicia Haberkorn for co-varsity softball; Alaina Scott for JV softball; Cory DeGroote for varsity baseball; Josh Goldschmeding for JV baseball; Dave Breithaupt for men's varsity tennis; Tim Galli for JV men's tennis; Vince Heller for varsity women's soccer; Todd Lutz for JV women's soccer; Scott Banghart for varsity men's track; Ward Helakoski for varsity women's track; Erin Beam for assistant women's track; Kelly Askey for varsity women's golf; Dave Moore for varsity men's lacrosse; Tom Ihling for JV men's lacrosse; Jennifer Story for varsity women's lacrosse... passed a resolution asking the State of Michigan to provide adequate funding of schools ... adopted new board policies ... purchased new copiers for the school system ... passed a resolution that would involve Mattawan in the 2004-2005 Michigan School Readiness Program ... heard a report from the Early Elementary School ... passed a policy promoting parent involvement in the school program ... hired Yeo & Yeo as auditors for the 2005-2006 school year ... approved a transfer of debt retirement monies ... approved a Women's Ensemble trip to Chicago ... heard a report from the High School ... received recognition as board members during school board recognition month ... adopted the necessary election resolutions for the annual election on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 ... heard a report from the Later Elementary School.

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Open Gym Dates

During the winter season the District provides a Sunday Open Gym (High School Gym) for residents of the Mattawan School District. There will be a \$1.00 per person charge at the door (enter through the south lobby doors). Any student below the sixth grade must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Cathy Almy will be responsible for overseeing this activity. The High School Gym will be open from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on the following dates:

February 6, 2005
February 13, 2005
February 20, 2005
February 27, 2005

March 6, 2005
March 13, 2005
March 20, 2005

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Knives, Firearms and Other Potential Weapons

Students and parents, please be reminded of the legislation prohibiting knives, firearms and/or other items that could be classified as potential weapons being present at school.

Plainly stated, none of the above should be brought to school at any time. If in doubt, please ask first!

TOP



No Frills Public Relations

by Bill McNulty, Associate Superintendent for School Improvement

During the 1980's and 90's public relations programs and initiatives became popular among public school systems. They were hailed as an important way to build up the image of our school system and maintain parent support. Sort of a sales job mentality. I likened it to Madison Avenue goes to schools. At least part of the reason was related to the MEAP test. Virtually everyone acknowledged the test results to be a totally invalid way of comparing the effectiveness of schools and school districts. It was deemed newsworthy, even though inaccurate, very biased and misleading. Nonetheless, the scores were released, the newspapers printed them and the comparisons began. For those districts that might not have fared as well, countermeasures had to be created. Hence the need for public relations.

I remember very well that school districts were offered a PR plan, often by other larger school districts with "model" programs that they actually turned into money makers! Some still use the approach.

I also remember very well our district leadership saying no thanks, not for us. We made that decision for several reasons - reasons that have proven to hold true to this day. For one, MEAP scores are just MEAP scores. We'd rather they weren't published anyway, good or bad. I often use the saying "things are never as good as they seem, nor as bad as they seem". MEAP scores can be applied to that saying.

Another reason we chose not to go "Madison Avenue" is that we are not. We are Mattawan. We have grown from the small farming community of the past into a larger school system that has retained the small town feel. We based our efforts to retain that feel on open, honest communication with parents and the community. We stressed a "no surprise" approach. When things went well we shared the news. We celebrated. When things didn't go as well, we shared that too. We listened. We problem-solved. And we never stopped working at continuous improvement. Besides, a "sell job", in my opinion, is an insult to everyone. Nobody expects perfection but everybody expects we never stop working toward it.

Probably the single most compelling reason not to develop a PR program, however, was that we already had one! We had, as it turns out, unpaid PR agents that infiltrated every nook and cranny of our schools every single day. And we always will. They are called students. At the end of every school day they leave school and with them goes our public relations. They either feel cared for or not, cared about or not. They are either learning or not. Kids know if they are being nurtured. Notice I didn't throw in that they are either happy or not. The biggest reason: I worked with and loved my middle schoolers for over thirty years. Their happiness level could change five times in five minutes! Parents of middle schoolers, you know that sometimes there is absolutely nothing you can do to make them happy. Besides, happiness is temporary, caring is consistent.

In the end, our public relations program isn't a program at all. It is a way of doing business. It is a belief system. It is an attitude. The focus is not on slick advertising. The focus is on doing the right thing, the best thing, for children and their development into young adults.

Perhaps the best PR is not a program. It is just something we work at together.

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Annual School Election

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

At the annual school election on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, registered voters of the Mattawan Consolidated School will elect two persons to four-year terms (July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2009) on the Board of Education.

Persons interested in running for the Mattawan Board of Education may obtain nominating petitions and information regarding the nominating process by contacting Linda Kerr, Texas Township Clerk at (269) 375-1591.

Also appearing on the ballot will be a request from Mattawan Consolidated School to renew its non-homestead operating millage levy.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE: The last day to register to vote in the annual school election is MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2005

District residents may register at any branch office of the Secretary of State or at their respective Township Office.

Please visit the Mattawan Consolidated School website (www.mattawan.k12.mi.us) for updated information regarding polling places, official ballot language and obtaining absentee ballots as it becomes available.

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Alumni Banquet Saturday, June 4, 2005

The date for the annual Alumni Banquet, held each year to honor the graduating seniors, has been set for Saturday, June 4, 2005, in the high school cafeteria and auditorium. Look for additional information regarding the banquet on the back page of the April/May Newsletter to Residents.

Contributions to the Alumni Scholarship Fund, in any amount, are always welcome! If you have an interest in supporting the scholarship fund, please complete the form below, enclose your check made out to: Mattawan Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, and mail it to Harriet Kucinich, 24252 Alvord, Mattawan, MI 49071.

Name of

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Foundation News

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to make your gift to the MPEF's Annual Campaign! Many generous individuals and businesses have contributed to the Foundation. And thanks to them, the Annual Campaign has raised over \$15,000 to enable Mattawan students and teachers to reach beyond the traditional learning environment. But we can do so much better!! If you haven't done so, we invite you to make your gift today. REMEMBER, your donation to the Mattawan Public Education Foundation does make a difference!

KEEP AN EYE OUT for information about the Foundation's Holiday Gift Cards. These cards feature original holiday-themed artwork done by Mattawan students and will be available for purchase by individuals and businesses in time for the 2005 holiday season.

The Mattawan Public Education Foundation is dedicated to making an excellent school district even better, and we can only keep this commitment with strong support from our community. Become our

partner in educational success! For more information, please call 668-3361, ext. 1715, or check our website at www.mpef.org.

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Parent Workshop: Helping Children Deal with Loss

A five session program will be offered in March to help guide adults in learning how to help children deal with losses of all kinds. It is open to any parent, teacher, school staff, coach and clergy or adult from the Mattawan School community. The facilitator for the program will be Ward Helakoski, Mattawan Middle School Counselor and Grief Recovery Specialist. Mr. Helakoski received his certification from the Grief Recovery Institute.

Grief is defined as the conflicting feelings caused by the end of, or change in, a familiar pattern of behavior. Some of the loss experiences that can cause grief in children include: death of a person or pet, moving, starting school, divorce, major health changes, loss of trust, loss of safety or a change in family dynamics. Grief recovery means obtaining the skills that allow us to deal with loss. These recovery skills will heal ones heart when it is broken and in turn allows individuals to participate fully in all their relationships.

People often approach emotional pain intellectually. Since we rely on our minds everyday, we get more practice on this approach. In reality grief is not about a broken brain, it is about a broken heart. Myths are often taught to children which reinforce this misconception. Some of these myths are:

- Don't feel bad.
- Give it time.
- Replace the loss.
- Be strong for others.
- Grieve alone.
- Keep busy.

The program will counter these myths with five positive, proactive and proven strategies. The program will be offered on the following Wednesdays in March: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. It will be held in the Middle School Media Center from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Each participant will be charged \$25.00 to cover the costs of the program. Couples will be charged the same as one participant. They can share the required text: *When Children Grieve*. If you have interest in helping children acquire the essential lifelong skills of grief recovery, please call Ward Helakoski at 668-3361, Ext. 1428.

Please note that this program will be limited to ten participants for this first workshop. Registration will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

This program is available through the support of the Mattawan Public Education Foundation.

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Mattawan Early Elementary School

Detailed information regarding activities at the Early Elementary School may be obtained by clicking on <http://mattawan.k12.mi.us/ees/> under the building links.

Upcoming Events

Monday, February 21	Mid-Winter Break - No School
Monday, March 14	Mattawan Early Elementary Parents Association (MEEPA) Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
Friday, March 18	Professional Development A.M./Records P.M. - No School
Monday, March 21	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:00 P.M. - 8:15 P.M.
Wednesday, March 23	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.
Thursday, March 24	Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. and 4:30 P.M. - 7:45 P.M. NO SCHOOL
Friday, March 25	Teacher Comp Time Day - No School
Tuesday, March 29	First Grade Music Program, High School Auditorium, 7:00 P.M. The classrooms of Mrs. Bierlein, Mr. Coder, Mrs. Devlin, Mrs. Larkin, Mrs. Mayberry, and Mrs. Miller
Wednesday, March 30	First Grade Music Program, High School Auditorium, 7:00 P.M. The classrooms of Mrs. Aldrich, Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. Ellis, Miss Heselschwerdt, and Mrs. Petro
Friday, April 1 thru Sunday, April 10	Spring Recess - No School
Tuesday, April 12	Second Grade Field Trip to Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids
Thursday, April 13	Creative Arts Fair, 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Monday, April 25	Kindergarten Registration, 7:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Tuesday, April 26	Kindergarten Registration, 1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP!

If you have a child who will be five years old on or before December 1, 2005, please call us. Your child's name, address, and birth date will be added to our fall 2005 kindergarten list. The last week of March we will mail you a packet of information to fill out and bring with you to Kindergarten Registration on Monday, April 25, 7:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., or Tuesday, April 26, 1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. We can't wait to welcome our new school family members! Please call us at 668-3361, extension 8600.

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Mattawan Later Elementary School

Detailed information regarding activities at the Later Elementary School may be obtained by clicking on <http://mattawan.k12.mi.us/les/> under the building links.

Dates to Remember

February 11	Nature Center Visits - Becraft, Butler
February 14	Valentine Party Day
February 18	Nature Center Visits - Eicholtz, Wendell
February 21	Mid-Winter Break
February 23	Kalamazoo Wings Hockey Game - All Grades (RR Reward)
February 26	Father/Daughter Dance - 7:00 p.m., Gymnasium
March 7	MLEAP Meeting in IMC, 7:00 p.m.
March 18	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development a.m./Records p.m.
March 24	NO SCHOOL - Conference Days and Times TBA
March 25	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Compensatory Day
April 1 - 10	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
April 12	Fourth Grade Visits Lansing - Homerooms TBA
April 14	Fourth Grade Visits Lansing - Homerooms TBA

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Reminder to Fifth Grade Parents: Immunization Rules

TO ENTER SCHOOL: State Law requires all students **entering sixth grade** be fully immunized against vaccine preventable diseases. **CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START SCHOOL IN THE FALL AND MAY BE EXCLUDED UNTIL REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.**

D.P., DT or Td D.P. - Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertusis (Whooping Cough), DT - Diphtheria, Tetanus or Td - Tetanus, Diphtheria	4 doses	If fourth dose was not given on or after fourth birthday, another dose must be given prior to school entry. If a dose was not given in the last 10 years, a booster dose of Td is required.
Polio	3 doses	If the last dose was not given on or after the 4th birthday, a booster dose is required.
Measles, Mumps, & Rubella	2 doses	The 1st dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday. The 2nd dose must be given at least 28 days after first dose.
Hepatitis B	3 doses	

Varicella (Chickenpox)	1 dose	Dose to be received on or after the 1st birthday but prior to the 13th birthday or 2 doses, administered at least 28 days apart, if the child received the 1st dose on or after the 13th birthday.
If immunization is against your religious beliefs, you must sign the waiver form that is available at the school.		

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Mattawan Middle School

Detailed information regarding activities at the Middle School may be obtained by clicking on under the www.mattawan.k12.mi.us/ms/ building links.

Events Calendar

February 15, 16, 17	Team 6-3 @ Challenger activity @ Kal Valley Museum
February 21	Mid-winter break NO School
March 4, Fri	End of Second Trimester Mandatory first meeting for 8th grade Talent Show - 2:45 -3:30 p.m. Mr. Newman's room C-1 - You must attend this meeting if you want to be in the show. MS MSBOA District Band Festival - Fri and Sat. @ H.S.
March 15	District Choral Festival @ Second Reform Church - 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
March 16	7th grade Vision Screening Choral Festival 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. @ Second Reform Church
March 17	7th grade Vision Screening
March 18	NO School - Professional Development/Records MMSPA - Teacher appreciation Luncheon @ 11:00 a.m.
March 21-24	Conference week - Full days for students March 21, 22, and 23 NO school for students on March 24, and 25 MS Conference Schedule is: Monday evening March 21, - 3:30 - 6:45 p.m. Tuesday evening, March 22, - 5:00 - 8:15 p.m. NO MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCES ON WEDNESDAY Thursday afternoon March 24, - 12:00 - 3:30 p.m. Thursday evening March 24, - 4:30 - 7:45 p.m.
March 24, 25	NO School
April 1- 8	Spring Recess NO School
April 13,	MMSPA meeting in Cafeteria 9:00 a.m. MS 8th grade Talent Show 6:00 p.m. @ H.S. Auditorium.
April 16	MS MSBOA Solo & Ensemble Festival @ Sturgis
April 29	3rd Mid Marking Period

May 4 - May 13

6th Grade Camp at Sherman Lake

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Mattawan High School

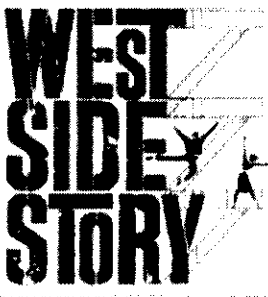
Detailed information regarding activities at the High School may be obtained by clicking on under the www.mattawan.k12.mi.us/hs/ building links.

Dates to Remember

February 9	High School Band Winter Concert
February 15	Progress reports collected and mailed out later in the week
February 16	Parent Association meeting - 9:00 a.m.
February 19 & 20	Talent Show II ~ February 19 at 7:00 p.m. and February 20 at 2:00 p.m.
February 21	Mid-winter Break - NO SCHOOL
March 3 8th	Grade Parent Orientation meeting (Class of 2009) - 6:30 p.m. in high school auditorium
March 10	High School Blood Drive ~ 10:00 am to 3:45 pm. Sponsored by SADD
March 11	Model U.N. at Hope College
March 11 & 12	Musical performance of "West Side Story" ~ 7:00 p.m.
March 14-25	MEAP Testing
March 15	Spring sports practice begins
March 16	Parent Association meeting - 9:00 a.m. Senior cap, gown, and announcement orders distributed at lunch Technology Center closed for 8th grade visits
March 17	End of 3rd Quarter Technology Center closed for 8th grade visits Technology Center Open House from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
March 18	No School for students - Professional Development/Records for staff
March 18 & 19	Musical performance of "West Side Story" ~ 7:00 p.m.
March 20	Musical performance of "West Side Story" ~ 2:00 p.m.
March 21	High School Conferences from 3:30-6:45 p.m.
March 23	High School Conferences from 5:00-8:15 p.m.
March 24	High School Conferences from 12:00-3:30 p.m. & 4:30-7:45 p.m. NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

March 25	No School for students and staff
March 26	Forensics Tournament at MHS
April 1-10	Spring Recess - NO SCHOOL
April 11-15	Red Ribbon Week at the high school ~ sponsored by SADD
April 15 & 16	Cabaret performances at 7:00 p.m.
April 17	Cabaret performance at 2:00 p.m.
April 20	Parent Association meeting - 9:00 a.m.
April 21	Spring Band Concert

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<p><i>Mattawan High School Presents</i></p> 	<p>March 11, 12, 18, 19 7:00 p.m. March 20 2:00 p.m. Mattawan High School Auditorium</p>
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For information regarding High School athletic schedules, please click on the following:

High School Sports Net

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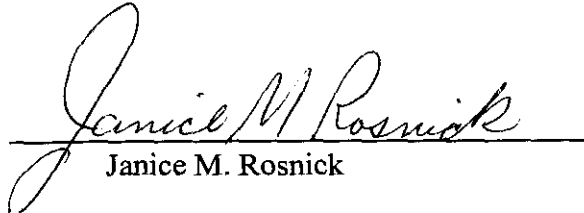
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**Mattawan, Michigan
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Janice M. Rosnick, hereby certify that on this 25th day of March, 2005, copies of the foregoing **PETITION FOR RULEMAKING** were hand-delivered to the following:

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